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RETREAT

WOMEN OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

"Jesus According to a Woman"

Camp Calvin
Hampton, Georgia

October 10 – 12, 1986

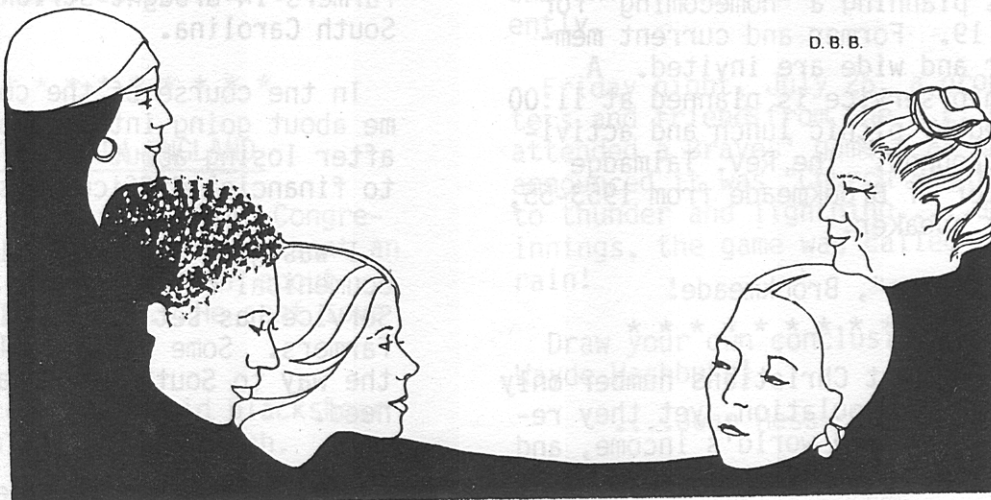
PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

apply to S E Conference Office

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE for children under 8

Brochures available thru conference office

Registration deadline Sept. 15, 1986



N-E-W-S and N-O-T-E-S

The United Church Board for World Ministries has organized several study tours which are coming up in August and September. Some of our S.E. Conference people are participating. David Loar, Pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Crossville, Tenn., will be going to East Germany and Hungary to study human rights. James Myers, new Moderator of the S.E. Conference, and pastor of First Congregational U.C.C. in Birmingham, Ala., will be going to Chile. Vice Moderator, Barbara Everett, from Cowan, Tenn., will be going to the Philippines in September.

We wish them all a safe journey, and look forward to their reports when they return.

GOOD-BYE TO THE CACKO FAMILY

From the Church of The Good Shepherd comes good news and sad news. Izabela arrived from Poland where she had to wait until her papers were completed, was reunited with her family in July. Now, Zbyszek has a good-paying job in a factory in Detroit, where his uncle was able to also buy a home for the family.

Teresa and the children left Crossville the week of Aug. 15, to join Zbyszek and move into their home in Detroit. After 18 months, much love and care from Crossville folks, the Cacko family is reunited and established. Our best wishes to all who took part in these meaningful 18 months!

BROOKMEADE CHURCH HOMECOMING SLATED

As part of "Tennessee Homecoming '86", Brookmeade is planning a "homecoming" for Sunday, Oct. 19. Former and current members from far and wide are invited. A special worship service is planned at 11:00 a.m., followed by picnic lunch and activities on the grounds. The Rev. Talmadge Hartman, pastor of Brookmeade from 1953-55, will be guest speaker.

Happy "Homecoming", Brookmeade!

Do you realize that Christians number only 32% of the world's population, yet they receive 62% of the entire world's income, and they spend 97% of it on themselves?

JONESBORO, GA. CHURCH GETS A NEW NAME....

Floyd Carmack, Past-Moderator of the S.E. Conference, and pastor of the Jonesboro, GA. church, says it is now official..... Bonanza United Church of Christ is now TRINITY UNITED CHURCH (U.C.C.).

The name "Bonanza" was originally given to the church because it was located in a community bearing the same name. However, the congregation decided that a new name with a deeper meaning would be more appropriate - hence the name "Trinity".

Congratulations, Trinity. We wish you many good years in your future.

SUSANNE ALBERTI GOES HOME TO GERMANY

For the past six weeks, Susanne Alberti has been in Robbins, Tennessee, staying in the homes of different families of the Robbins Parish UCC. She lives in Germany, and wanted to spend some time working in the Appalachian area of our country. Robbins Parish reports she has been a great help, and has made many new friends. Good luck to Susanne as she returns to Germany.

CONFERENCE CORNER

From time to time an experience comes that re-kindles our faith in the goodness of people. A couple of weeks ago, I received a phone call late one night from Illinois. It was from a man who had to get my name and phone number from his conference minister. He was a farmer, and Sunday School teacher in his rural UCC church. He wanted to know how he and his fellow farmers could help the farmers in drought-stricken Georgia and South Carolina.

In the course of the conversation, he told me about going into the pop-corn business after losing about 40% of his own farm due to financial difficulties.

I was glad to put him in touch with the ecumenical relief office the Church World Service has set up in Atlanta to help the farmers. Some hay from Illinois is now on the way to South Carolina to help meet the need.

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PROMOTION UP-DATE FOR CHAPLAIN MCREYNOLDS

In our story last issue about the Air Force call-up of the Rev. Dr. Lelan D. McReynolds of First E&R Church in Nashville, we had several errors. Chaplain McReynolds is now a Major in the Air Force Reserve Chaplaincy. His title, working under the Director of Reserve Chaplains, will be that of Training Officer. He will be in charge of all programs dealing with the training of Air Force Reserve Chaplains. We wish Lee and Joy the best of everything in their new assignment at Air Force Reserve Headquarters in Denver, Colorado.

HUNTSVILLE CALLS NEW PASTOR

By vote of the congregation of the United Church of Huntsville, a call has been extended and accepted by the Rev. James M. Morris. Pastor of the Amelia United Church of Christ in Clayton, North Carolina, for the past seven years, he will begin in Huntsville in September. He and his family (wife, Sally; children: Heather, Rebecca and Sarah), will move in early September to get started in school. We wish for them a happy and fruitful ministry in Huntsville.

NEW PASTOR FOR ATLANTA FIRST

The congregation of Atlanta First Congregational Church has extended a call to the Rev. George Thomas of Brookline, Massachusetts, and he has accepted. Mr. Thomas began his ministry in Atlanta on August 24th. A former pastor in Boston and New York - (on the staff of Riverside Church), he brings rich experience in the United Church of Christ. We welcome the Thomas family, and wish for them a most successful and happy ministry.

NEWS FROM THE KELLERS IN ENGLAND

Albert Keller, pastor of Circular Congregational Church in Charleston, S.C., sent an interesting and descriptive letter about living in England for a year. He sent love and good wishes to all.

During his absence, Rev. David Blackshear is interim pastor at Circular Church.

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

WOMEN

FALL RETREAT

OCT. 10, 11, 12 - CAMP CALVIN

A very full, rewarding experience awaits you at our next retreat...Workshops of all sorts, Bible study, community building.... All built around the theme "Jesus According To a Woman". We are excited about the program we have planned....especially looking forward to hearing Rev. Mary Brueggemann - our Keynote Speaker.

Child care will be provided for children under 8, at no cost to those using it. Partial scholarships are available also. Please do not hesitate to apply. Money for scholarships has been provided by Women's Mite (Might).

Come. Be refreshed. Renewed.

This retreat is open to any woman in the S.E. Conference. Membership in a Women's Fellowship or Circle is NOT required. Registration forms are available at the S.E. Conference Office. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sept. 15, 1986.

Note to church secretaries: Please feel free to copy this item for insertion in next Sunday's Bulletin. Members of the Women's Commission would like to be invited to speak to your women about our Retreat.

...Dorothea Bowling, Co-ordinator of Commission for Women in Church & Society.

HEY! HEY! HEY! IT'S BASEBALL!

In our drought-stricken area of Georgia, we understand that many pastors and churches have been praying for rain. Our own UCC church has approached the problem differently.

Friday night, July 25, a group of ministers and friends from the S.E. Conference attended a Braves' game. As soon as they announced it was "Church Night", it began to thunder and lightning.....and after 2 innings, the game was called because of rain!

Draw your own conclusions....or ask Wayne Washburn!

....Jean Hess OCLE Office...

Ministers' Convocation

MINISTERS AND SPOUSES: Please complete this questionnaire concerning future Southeast Conference Minister/Spouse Retreats, and return it to: Wayde Washburn, Rt. 1, Box 286, Woodbury, Georgia 30293.

1. What time of year would prefer to have the retreat?
2. How many days and nights do you suggest?
3. Where would you like the 1987 Retreat to be held?
4. What topics/themes would you like addressed during the Retreat?
5. What would be a reasonable and practical cost for the Retreat?
6. What would be your recreational/free-time needs?
7. Are you interested in a special event for retired clergy? If so, please give your suggestions.
8. Would you be willing to serve on the Planning Committee for the 1987 Retreat? If so, please give your name, address, and telephone number.
9. Other concerns?

CONFERENCE CORNER, Continued -

I am glad to be a part of a church and a Christian fellowship that net-works people who have a need with people who want to help.

But, in reality, this is what the church of Jesus Christ is always about.

Through witness and friendship in our local communities to the world-wide outreach of Our Church's Wider Mission, we continue to to be joined together with brothers and sisters everywhere in doing the good works of Jesus Christ.

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